

Newsletter

MACAU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (CASA DE MACAU) OF WESTERN CANADA

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EDITORIAL

UNITY

One often wonders that given the kind of support they claimed to have from the Macanese community at large in the region, would it not have been more pragmatic, advisable and sensible for those who failed in their attempts to get elected five years ago to have accepted the defeat gracefully and later, as Association members, to initiate whatever changes they thought were desirable and to elect their "champion" democratically. Who knows? If those dissenting members had taken that route, it is very possible that the person of their choice might have been elected and be at the helm of a united Macanese community for several years now. The split-up then and the present sad state of affairs need never have happened.

MACAU CULTURAL CENTRE

Following the Governor Vasco Rocha Vieira's visit in November 1999 our Association, in respect for the wishes expressed by Rocha Vieira, took a bold step to try and make an "extra mile" effort to work with the Club and explore the possibility of acquiring a future Macau Cultural Centre to be financed by FCDM and shared by the two Casas in Vancouver.

So far we have written three letters to Ms Gabriela César (FCDM) and we copied them to the Club for their information and response in a spirit of goodwill, co-operation and openness.

We regret that the response has been very disappointing. In the first place the Club has totally ignored our letters for three solid months for whatever reasons and/or agenda of their own.

Then on 19 April the Club a meeting took place at their request. The Club started off the meeting in a belligerent mood and informed us that they had in fact written to Macau three months earlier on 6 January to inform Ms Gabriela César that the offer of C\$1.35 million, with proper management, would do. The Club had no right to do this without consulting us, as the money was offered by Macau to both Casas jointly.

They never bothered to send us a copy of their letter and upon our request recently for one, they responded by steadfastly refusing to do so and by smugly suggesting that it was our decision to send them copies of our letters to them; they had not asked for them. Whilst this is true we had hoped for the same degree of goodwill, co-operation and openness from the Club.

Where do we go from here ? Given their intransigent and belligerent attitude we cannot help wondering whether any further dialogue is worthwhile or a complete waste of time. We may well be forced by their intransigence and belligerence towards us to consider calling off future meetings between the two Casas.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Forty five members attended our meeting on April 16, 2000. Items discussed included the announcement of the appointment of Betty Baptista as our 2nd Vice President on 2 April to replace Natalie Santos who resigned suddenly for family reasons; the pot-luck meal held on 2 April; and the European Festival 2000 on 13 May when our Association will provide some of the entertainment and food at the

Festival in the form of our very own "tuna" band and Portuguese/Macanese delicacies. There was nothing new to report on the Macau Cultural Centre as the Club has chosen to ignore the letters we wrote to Ms Gabriela César and copied to them three months ago in a spirit of co-operation and openness.

MACAENSES E "NATURAIS DE MACAU"

This month we thought it would be interesting to produce, for general information a list of some of our members who are either Macau-born or were domiciled in Macau for many years. The list, although not exhaustive, includes:-

Achiam, Linda
Achiam, Joaquim
Almeida, Tomás, Angie & family
Amante, António & Rebecca
Ayres da Silva, Rui & Carmen (Pedro)
Badaraco, José, Adelina & family
Batista, Pedro, Fernanda & Andre
Braga, Cecília and Arlene
Castilho, Norma and Tony
Coelho, Pedro
Coelho, António, Frances & family
Cordeiro, António, Fatima & family
Cordeiro, Carlos
Cordeiro, Eugénio, Margarida & family
Cordeiro, Frederico
Cordeiro, Laura
Cordeiro, Manuel
Cunha, Daniel
da Cunha, António & Rita
da Rosa, Tony, Natércia & family
da Roza, Alice
da Roza, Gustavo, Gloria & family
da Silva, Guilherme, Ivonne & Romao
de Souza, Alice
do Rosario, Fernando & Fernanda
do Rosario, Josefina
do Rosario, João Reinaldo
dos Remedios, Eduardo & Gertie
dos Santos, José Vasco & Rita
dos Santos, Cintia
dos Santos, Ernesto
Hartman, Ismália (nee Jorge)
Jorge, António Lourenço
Leitao, Joaquim, Alda & Gilberto
Leitão, Felipe
Leong, Domingos & Maria Teresa
Lobo, Luiza & Henrique
Ma, Isabel (nee Jorge)

Marques, Belarmina
Marques, Leonardo
Marques, José, Beatrice & Jessica
Martins, Mercedes
Medina, Ben, Brigida (Pina) & Alex
Meira, Fernando, Maria & family
Mendonça, Alberto, Rosanna & family
Pedro, Frederico, Arlette & family
Pedro, Fausto, Brigitta & family
Pedro, Martinho, Elisa & family
Pina, Sérgio Rui
Pina, Florinda
Rodrigues, Renato
Rodrigues, Reginaldo & Natalia
Rosário, Gisela
Rosário, Maria
Rosário, Michael
Rosário, Virgílio, Verónica & family
Siqueira, Albertina (Tina)
Tellis, Ana Clara
Xavier, Deolina & Gary

TRIP TO PORTUGAL

A Reunion is being organised by Fundação Casa de Macau, Casa de Macau Lisboa, Fundação Jorge Alvares and Fundação Oriente to be held on 18-25 June 2000 to celebrate "Dia de Macau" on 24 June 2000. Casas de Macau world wide have been invited to Lisbon to celebrate the occasion. Airfares and hotel accommodation are being offered for two individuals from each Casa de Macau. If all goes well there is a possibility that three members of our Executive Council may be winging their way to Lisbon in mid-June 2000.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of this Association will take place on Sunday, 11 June 2000 at the Eaton Centre Community Room in Metrotown commencing at 2.00 p.m. This meeting has been advanced a week because of the visit to Lisbon, mentioned above, to celebrate "Macau Day" during the week 18-25 June 2000 at the invitation of Fundação Casa de Macau, Casa de Macau, Lisboa; Fundação Jorge Alvares; and Fundação Oriente. Earlier plans to celebrate Father's Day on 18 June has been shelved.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

(a) European Festival 2000

At the invitation of the Portuguese Consulate in Vancouver, our Association is participating in a European Festival 2000 to be held in Burnaby on 13 May when some 26 countries, including Portugal, will set up information booths on culture, serve typical traditional food and present cultural performances. Our Association will be serving traditional Portuguese delicacies and our tuna band will be performing at the Festival.

(b) Portugal Day 2000

The Portuguese Club of Vancouver is organising a celebration at Trout Lake in Vancouver to commemorate Portugal Day 2000 in Vancouver on 11 June 2000. This celebration will include sports events and cultural activities. There will be a beer garden and BarBQs for bifanas, prego, sardinhas, hot dogs and the sale of typical Portuguese pastry and baked goods. Throughout the day the organisers will showcase talented singers, dancers and artists. Our Association is participating with performances by our tuna band and our young dancers.

(c) **Other Planned Socials**

As a result of the above a few other social activities planned for May and June have been shelved or cancelled

FOURTH ENCONTRO

The Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses (APIM) announced on 26 April 2000 that, by appointment of the Government of Macau SAR, they will be organising the Fourth Encontro which will be held in Macau during the fourth week of November in the year 2001.

Mr. Edmund HO Hau Wah, Chief Executive of the Macau SAR has kindly accepted the position of President of the Encontro Commission and will preside at the opening ceremonies..

The Organising Commission has invited all Casas de Macau world wide to supply the Commission with any suitable materials which might enrich the programs for the next Encontro. The Commission would also welcome any suggestions for the continued success of the said Encontro.

Previous reunions were organised by the Macau Government but this one will be organised by APIM, an association promoting education for the Macanese. Our Association had earlier written officially to APIM to congratulate them on their being appointed to organise the Fourth Encontro, the first to be held in the new Millennium and also the first to be held after the change of administration on 19 December 1999.

JORGE ALVARES FOUNDATION

(Source: MACAU HOJE)

Over the past few months many of us have heard about the controversy generated in Macau and talked about just every where in the Lusitanian world. The controversy relates to the transfer of funds, just prior to the change in sovereignty, from Macau by the then Governor, General Vasco Rocha Vieira to the Jorge Alvares Foundation in Portugal. We attach copies of two interesting articles " Serious Infractions" and " The Gray Areas of the Law" which appeared in the English edition of the Macau newspaper " MACAU HOJE" at the end of March, for the information of our readers.

JESUS OF NAZARETH

(Passion Play in Puyallup, Washington)

Members may be interested in going on a bus tour to attend a great Northwest Passion play " JESUS OF NAZARETH" in Puyallup, Washington State on the weekend of 22-23 July 2000. One will travel down from Vancouver to Puyallup on the morning of 22 July and attend the Play that evening and spend the night in a Best Western hotel The next morning after a continental breakfast one travels by coach back, plus shopping and return to Vancouver at 3.00 p.m.

The cost is \$185 per person (a minimum of 20 persons is necessary for this tour to proceed)

Single supplement: \$65.00 There are cancellation penalties based on percentage of tour price. The price includes the motor coach to Puyallup and back; Hotel accommodation (double sharing basis); admission to the Passion Play; continental breakfast. Meals (other than breakfast on 23 July); tips to coach driver; insurance and medical are not included. As one will travel through the Canada/US border one will need a passport and/or a picture ID with proof of Canadian citizenship.

For more details contact Luiz Souza at Tel: 435-1819 or fax: 435-5468.

NEWS FROM MACAU(Source: Macau Talk)

French Film Classics

Classic French detective films will be shown at the Cultural Centre in May and June in a festival organised jointly by the French Consulate General in Hong Kong and the Alliance Francaise. It was launched on 6 May and will run until 18 June 2000.

Macau Casinos

There are no less than ten casinos in Macau and they are open 24 hours a day. If one feels like trying your luck, just walk right in. Apart from baccarat, blackjack, roulette, and slot machines, there are also such Chinese games as fantan and tai sai. All the casinos are open to the general public but there is one open only for the use of club members,

Macau Open Golf Tournament

Asia's top professionals will take part in this tournament 11-14 May 2000 at the Macau Golf & Country Club in Coloane. American golfing star. Mark O'Meara, will head the field of over 200 top Asian PGA players to participate in the event. Last year Les Westwood of England won the event, beating off the challenge of Andrew Pitts of the United States, in an exciting sudden death play-off over three holes.

Fátima Procession

The annual Fátima procession from the Macau Catholic Cathedral to the Penha Chapel will take place on 13 May to celebrate and commemorate the Miracle of Fatima in Portugal in 1917.

International Museum Day

The International Museum Day will be observed on 18 June 2000 when there will be free admission to eight museums and other attractions. Museums taking part include the Museum of Macau, Museum of Art, Maritime Museum, Grand Prix Museum, Wine Museum, Fire Department Museum, Museum of Nature and Agriculture (Coloane), and the Houses on Avenida da Praia in Taipa.

Dragon Boat Festival

There will be thrills galore on Nam Van Lakes on 4 and 6 June when local and international teams will compete.

Camões Day

The Portuguese community in Macau will celebrate Camoes Day on 10 June at the shrine to the famous Portuguese poet located in Camoes Garden.

GOSTOS E SABORES

Stewed Duck (Pato de Cabidela)

(Source: Institute of Tourism Education)

Ingredients:

2 fresh ducks
half bottle of duck's blood mixed with vinegar
450 gr. pork flank OR spare ribs
2 tsp cumin
2 tsp coriander
3 tsp turmeric
225 gr. chopped onions
15 gr. chopped garlic
1 red chile
1 lemon
½ cup white wine
3 bay leaves
600 gr. potatoes, cut into pieces
stock, salt and pepper as required

Method:

1. Cut the duck and pork into pieces
2. Add garlic, lemon, white wine, salt, and pepper to the duck and pork and marinate for about two hours
3. Sauté duck and spare ribs until golden brown and set aside.
4. Brown onions; add the duck and pork with cumin, coriander, turmeric and bay leaves.
5. Add the white wine and stock and cook for about 50 minutes
6. When meats are tender, add the potatoes and blood and continue cooking for about 5-10 minutes. Serve with red chile and lemon slices. Serves ten.

Sugar Cane & Egg Custard

(Jagra com Ovos)

(Source: Institute of Tourism Education)

Ingredients

10 eggs; 60 gr butter; 200 ml water; 600 gr cane sugar.

Method

1. boil cane sugar, butter and water until the mixture turns into a syrup.
2. Add beaten eggs and stir until cooked. Allow to cool and pour into custard mould. Refrigerate until firm.
3. Serves 10.

Until next month

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